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OF THE APOSTLES

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## *Today's Scripture Reading*

*Acts 13:1-12*



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And they had John to assist them. <sup>6</sup> When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. <sup>7</sup> He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him



<sup>10</sup> and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.” Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.<sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.



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## *Applications*

God is a pursuer for salvation

There will always be haters and hindrances



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# The Movements of Calling

CALL TO EACH OTHER

WORSHIP

to cry out His name: 56 times in the Bible

Psalm 116:4 | Psalm 17:6 | John 1:6

ELECTION

Genesis 2:19 | John 1:42 | Isaiah 40-55

VOCATION



## *New Testament takes these ideas forward*

INITIATION/SALVATION: the moment of conversion

Points to God | Can't be ignored

1 Cor 7:21 | Romans 4:17 | 1 Peter 2:9

NAMING: to be named something different

Romans 9:24-26 | 2 Thess 1:12 | 1 Cor 6:11



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DESTINY: ultimate goal of believers

1 Timothy 6:12 | 1 Corinthians 1:9 | 1 Thess 5:24

HOLINESS: our destiny has a moral implication

2 Thess 1:11 | Ephesians 4:11 | 1 Peter 2:21

VOCATION: appointment to office

Galatians 1:15 | 1 Corinthians 1:1, 26; 7:17, 20





## Conclusion

PRIMARY CALL | *general*

Followers, worshipers

For Him, by Him, to Him

Called to someone not something (football, politics,  
somewhere in Africa)



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SECONDARY CALL | *specific*

Under His sovereignty we should do everything of God

These are personal expressions to God's regeneration

Response to His summons